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ESTABLISH JOINT-STOCK COMPANY FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT OF CULTURAL MATERIAL

On 1 January 1953, the Minister of Foreign Trade established "Artia," a Czechoslovak joint-stock company for the import and export of cultural material, in Prague. The company handles the import and export of printed matter (periodicals, irregular publications, books, music, pictures, postcards), records and films, and antiques. On 1 January 1953, the exclusive rights of import and export of cultural material delegated to the following enterprises were rescinded: Orbis, a publishing house in Prague; Gramofonovy Zavod (Phonograph Company), a national enterprise in Prague; Ceskoslovensky Statni Film (Czechoslovak National Films), a national enterprise in Prague; and "Antikva", a national enterprise in Prague.

On 1 January 1953, the exclusive rights of the above-mentioned enterprises to import and export of cultural material were transferred to the "Artia" company. To safeguard cultural-political interests in regard to the import and export of cultural material, the Ministry of Foreign Trade is setting up an advisory body composed of six members and a chairman. Three members are named and recalled by the Minister of Foreign Trade and three by the Minister of Information and Enlightenment. The chairman of the advisory body is named and recalled by the Minister of Foreign Trade with the consent of the Minister of Information and Enlightenment.

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